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JIMMY SIRREL



A Word from our Manager

For some time, though perhaps more recently, there has been some talk of altering the rules which have stood the test of time, apart from one or two minor changes, though people who suggest changing the off-side rule might not think such a change to be minor. The whole object of changing the rules must be to improve the standard of the game as an entertainment whereby more spectators will visit football grounds.

It is very easy to change the rules with the best intentions but, somehow, people find a way to utilise the rules to suit themselves. An example of a change in the rules which has caused quite a lot of publicity recently was the four-step rule for goalkeepers. I think this was done for two reasons, firstly, in an effort to speed up the game and, secondly, because of pressure from European football which looks upon bodily contact with the goalkeeper as ungentlemanly. What has happened is that instead of speeding up the game it has got slower because the goalkeeper now holds the area. Therefore, what were four steps, if you consider rolling the ball from one place, can be 44 steps. However, looking at the rule itself, the idea was good. I suggest that what would speed up the game would be that the goalkeeper is allowed only four steps from where he has gathered the ball in his hands, i.e. saving. With all the other implications of opposing player not being allowed to touch the goalkeeper, this I am sure would speed up the game from this aspect and I have advocated this for some time.

Another law which causes probably the greatest concern is that of off-side. Many suggestions as to how we should change this have been put forward. My own point of view, having tried it out in practice, is that drawing a line from the 18-yard line and no off-side within this area, appears to be a good thing and it virtually banishes the critical decisions which have to be made by linesmen. The controlling and passing of the ball becomes easier because of the greater space allowed between dead ball line and the 18-yard line. Regarding the suggested change of kicks for throw-ins and short corners, as played in the Monaco Tournament recently, I do not think they have any bearing on the game as such, but could make more problems getting players 10 yards from the ball. However, there are two things that must be considered, first of all, if you alter the laws, football clubs will try to find a way round them, and secondly, and more important, will any changes make the game more exciting and entertaining than it is at the moment; that must be the criteria. Change for change's sake is absolutely useless.



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PRITCHETT'S PIECE

Who could ask for anything more?

I don't know about you but I went about in those weeks before Christmas trying to scrape enough cash together to beat the Budget man. Amazingly it coincided with one of the most remarkable spending sprees in football with players moving about all over the place. It was as if clubs wanted a Christmas or New Year gift for their supporters and I hope all are satisfied with what they got for their money. Bramall Lane was involved with the Irish invasion of Dornan and McKee, and as Jimmy Sirrel **always** insists on value for money, I don't think we shall be disappointed. As previously reported, Dornan helped in an away point at Plymouth and his buddy McKee had his debut delayed until the following Wednesday when he had the great thrill of scoring for the reserves at Old Trafford. I believe Steve is a bit of a Manchester United fan so, if he could have chosen, he would have opted for this ground on which to play his first competitive game in England. He was part of a thumping 4-1 win for Jimmy Sirrel's reserves . . . not bad, considering the quality of second team Tommy Docherty can put out and considering, too, that United could not

consider selection of Steve Conroy, Mick Speight, John Flynn or John McGeady. I guess this result would give United almost as much pleasure as winning a first team match.

Few people would have given United Reserves a cat in hell's chance of winning. But then who would have tipped Matlock to get five at Mansfield; Northwich Victoria to put four past Peterborough United; Goole to draw at Wrexham; or Aston Villa to hammer Liverpool for five? Just imagine the outcry there would have been if the Pools Panel had forecast **any** of these results. They would have been laughed out of the business. Just goes to show, as John Harris says, "It's a funny game".

We like to imagine that we live in the days of the big club domination era but every winter we get daft results like those at Northwich and Mansfield cropping up. Such games make wonderful newspaper headlines and we get new heroes. People like the Fenoughty boys of Matlock Town who deserve every moment of their glory run but I sometimes feel sick for the professionals who are bounced

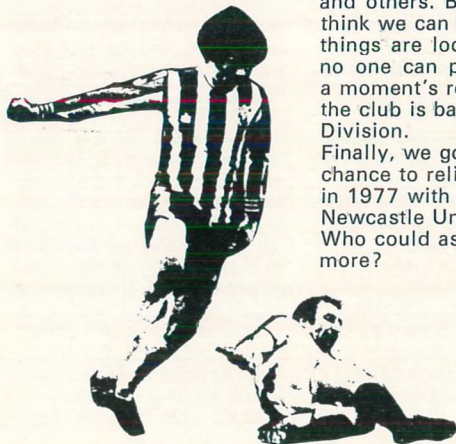
out by the non-League clubs. For Matlock and Northwich it's all a bit of fun; a way of raising a few quid for club funds. For the Mansfields and the Peterboroughs it is life and death. This is the way managers get sacked and players get thrown out. We sometimes tend to forget that side of things. It's like the old boxing story: no one wants to interview the loser.

We all had a bad time in 1976 what with relegation and continued disappointments at home but I am not looking through red-tinted spectacles when I predict happier things in store.

Despite a year of more downs than ups, 1976 **has** brought its moments. The heady excitement of that first win at Norwich, for instance. Then the wonderful victory over Leeds at Elland Road. Not a bad note to go out on, was it? It is a year which has provided us with two new young internationals, Stainrod and Kenworthy, the latter being made England's captain. Kenworthy also made the step up to the Under-19 squad.

We have seen the arrival of other young players; people like Hamson. And the setbacks to McGeady, Flynn, Speight and others. But on the whole I think we can be satisfied that things are looking up although no one can permit themselves a moment's relaxation until the club is back in the First Division.

Finally, we go out with a chance to relish a good start in 1977 with the visit of Newcastle United in the Cup. Who could ask for anything more?



by Star and Green 'Un Sports Writer TONY PRITCHETT

NEWS

The Blades are entering 1977 with confidence

Christmas has come and gone and we trust you all had a very enjoyable time with plenty of festivities. This year, for many, the holidays are extended into the New Year and, as we shan't be seeing you again before then, we wish you a happy and prosperous time in 1977, at least as far as the country's finances will allow. We have said before that we enter next year with confidence in our ability to regain our former prestige and to do even better than in the immediate past. It is at this time of year that a lot of "sorting out" takes place in football. Those fighting for something, whether it be near the top of the table or the bottom, can see what has to be done in the second half of the season if hopes are to be realised. These notes had to be written well in advance owing to holidays but we have seen a continuing process of collecting points both at home and away. We can but hope that yesterday's game at Oldham brought some reward. You will know that plans were made several weeks ago for our team to go away overnight for next Saturday's game at Meadow Lane, though Nottingham is such a short journey. It was felt that keeping the squad together on New Year's Eve would provide for greater concentration on the job in hand. This sort of thing has been done before with success. Usually this

kind of preparation pays dividends, though it costs extra money at the time. That point we brought from Plymouth followed an overnight stay in Torquay.

Plymouth is, of course, for many clubs, the longest haul they have to make to play a League match and a stop somewhere overnight becomes a necessity.

In our last notes reference was made to the playing of matches in the evening. Apart from tonight's game, you are reminded that next Monday's fixture with Cardiff City, originally scheduled for a 3 p.m. kick-off, will now start at 7.30 p.m. This has been done deliberately as we were advised that so many local firms would be working as normal during the day. We also received, literally, dozens of letters asking for the later kick-off. When we have so many requests we have to carefully consider the pros and cons and the decision was made in view of this, and the advice we were given by industry. We have a lot of fans and day-ticket holders who turn up after finishing work. Again, at the risk of being accused of repetition, we would ask our supporters to come along as early as possible. And if tickets can be obtained early, it will help everyone. There are some tickets available for those who wish to go to Oldham or Notts. County, neither of which is far. We are hoping to

have a good following cheering us on at both those grounds.

We were pleased with the response which enabled a single page in our last Match-Day Magazine to be sponsored by friends of the club at £10 a time. Any firm or supporters who would like to participate and help Sheffield United in this way is welcome and will be given full details on getting in touch with Mr. Walker.

The next such page will be for the Luton Town game on 22nd January. It is a concrete way of helping the club.

The draw for the FA Cup Third Round tie, always one of the most interesting in the whole competition, was kind to us this year. Newcastle United are attractive visitors and we are determined to give a good account of ourselves and to prove that we are still of First Division quality. As soon as the draw was known we began to have inquiries regarding tickets and it quickly became obvious that the attendance will be high. Newcastle have been playing good football this season, and hitting the heights, so we are assured of an entertaining game which both sides will be eager to win.

Tonight's visitors, Bolton Wanderers, are one of the clubs who have come here many times over the years since 1893. This is, in fact, our 89th League encounter, home and away. In 1971 they dropped into Division Three for the first time but stayed for only two years. The last time they were at Bramall Lane we drew 2-2 and the time before they beat us 1-0. It was three visits ago that we last won and the score was then 5-2. Alan Woodward scored twice and Eddie Colquhoun got the other. That was in 1969. We have won 30 times here to their seven, however. We can but hope for a repeat performance.

by HAROLD MARTIN

ACTION

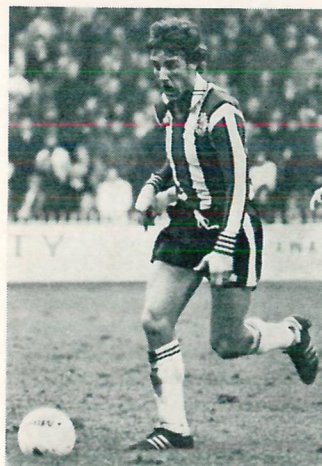


Who's kidding who?

The laugh seems to be on United skipper Alan Woodward as Fulham's goalkeeper Peter Mellor keeps a firm grip on what appears to be a Christmas pudding, but Alan had the last laugh when he hit the pud—er, sorry—ball past Mellor with a Woody special. Just goes to show, Mr. Mellor, 'the proof of the pudding is in the keeping'.

Chico

Ian Michael Hamilton or, as the fans call him, "Chico" pictured right 'on the ball' for United.



by PETE SCHOLEY

VISITORS

Bolton Wanderers F. C.

The fact that Bolton Wanderers could challenge so hard for promotion, climbing from ninth position on 9th October when they lost 3-2 at Cardiff after being two up, is an achievement in view of the injury problems which have to be overcome. Only three days earlier skipper and full-back John Ritson was told a cartilage operation would keep him out for a couple of months, former international winger Peter Thompson missed the League Cup replay with Fulham because of ankle and leg injuries, full-back Irish international Tony Dunne and striker Garry Jones also were on the side-lines. In August Rotherham United goalkeeper Jim McDonagh went to Burnden Park on loan.

With only 17-year-old apprentice Andrew Slack as cover for Barry Siddall, an experienced deputy was required but McDonagh, who had been displaced at Millmoor by our former goalkeeper, Tom McAlister, did so well that he took over and was transferred on 20th September for £10,000. The following week Siddall moved to Sunderland for £80,000.

McDonagh had not played in League football since breaking a leg against Chesterfield last December. Wanderers had earlier wanted to sign Colin Boulton from Derby County but were refused.

Also during August, John Byrom, after ten years with Bolton since moving from nearby Blackburn Rovers for £25,000, said he was retiring from the game. But he was given a free transfer on 9th September and a week or so later rejoined Blackburn. He had scored 113 goals in 304 League appearances for

Bolton. A free transfer from Burnley took former Scottish international Willie Morgan to Wanderers last March, just beating the deadline. He cost Burnley £30,000 when he moved from Manchester United in June, 1975.

The club's injuries have gone on all the year. In January, Hugh Curran had to have a second operation in five months and manager Ian Greaves, the former Huddersfield boss, who arrived



as assistant to Jimmy Armfield, has had some problems. But confidence in him and his assistant, George Marshall, was shown when they were both offered a three-year contract. They teamed up just over two years ago. Mr. Greaves declared some time back that he had watched Leeds United on countless occasions and applied their three priorities at Bolton—skill, patience and vision.

A scorer of goals this season has been 20-year-old striker Steve Taylor, who got two of the five which put Swansea out of the League Cup fourth round replay last month. When he went on loan to Port Vale last season he probably thought his Bolton days were

numbered. Even Mr. Greaves said Taylor lacked experience. But he returned and scored his first goal for the club against Orient, then came two goals against Millwall, followed by another couple in the 5-1 win over Hull City which established him in the side as a regular. There were two more at Southampton in November, by which time he had notched 15 in League and Cup this season. They drew 3-3 at Hereford after being two down at half-time.

This year brought a shock when Mr. John Banks, director and a former club chairman, collapsed during the Cup-tie with Newcastle and died, aged 57.

A player still with Wanderers is 22-year-old Paul Jones, the former Young England centre-half, who was on the transfer list at his own request and rated at £150,000.

Bolton are making a determined effort not to repeat last season's disappointment. They were knocked out of the FA Cup Fifth Round by Newcastle in a replay and, after looking almost promotion certain in January finished fourth, to be pipped by a point. This month Wanderers, the only Second Division side remaining, after being a goal behind from a penalty, beat First Division Derby County 2-1 at the Baseball Ground to win through to the semi-finals of the League Cup with goals from Neil Whatmore and Willie Morgan. They meet Lancashire rivals Everton in the first leg at Goodison Park on 19th January. They are again strongly chasing promotion. It was in 1964 they came out of Division One and the feeling is that the time has come for a return.

LINE-UP

At the start of the season goalkeeper **Jim McDonagh** was on a month's loan from Rotherham United and made such an impression he was signed on 20th September for a fee of £10,000.

Blackpool-born **Peter Nicholson**, usually a half-back, took over at right-back when skipper John Ritson had a cartilage operation. Played 15 times last season and scored two goals.

Eire international **Tony Dunne** played most of his career with Manchester United and was a member of their European Cup-winning side.

One of the few local players with the club is **Roy Greaves**, now in his eleventh year. He had a testimonial during the close season.

Pivot **Paul Jones** last season went to Budapest with the England Under-23 squad. Very good in the air. He hails from Ellesmere Port.

Described as one of the 'finds' of last season, **Sam Allardyce** was voted by supporters as "Player of the Year" in his first full term. Born in Birmingham.

After leaving Burnley **Willie Morgan** was with Manchester United. He returned to Burnley and towards the end of last season joined Wanderers. He is a Scottish international.

Last season **Neil Whatmore** was joint top scorer with 13 goals and is doing well again this time. Another lad from Ellesmere Port.

Injuries to others gave **Steve Taylor** his chance this season

and he took it with both hands, quickly becoming the leading scorer. Joined from school and came through the juniors. Born near Oldham. Another young player who has graduated through the Youth teams is **Peter Reid**, now a first team regular. Came in last season.

After only a handful of games last season **Brian Smith** has now settled and retained his place. A local lad.

Equally at home in midfield or at full-back **Mike Walsh** joined from school at Walkden, near Manchester.

Last summer saw midfielder **Alan Waldron** in America playing for Chicago Stings. Former Liverpool and England winger **Peter Thompson** has been kept out through injury.



Back row, left to right: Peter Thompson (inset), Peter Reid, Garry Jones, Roy Greaves, Mike Walsh, Brian Smith, Paul Jones (inset).

Middle row: John Byrom (Blackburn), Sam Allardyce, Barry Siddall (Sunderland), Andy Slack, Peter Nicholson, Neil Whatmore, Alan Waldron (inset).

Front row: Hughie Curran, Steve Taylor, John Ritson, Willie Morgan, Tony Dunne.

MATCH

Sheffield United

Team changes

JIM BROWN 1
COLIN FRANKS 2
PAUL GARNER 3
DENNIS LONGHORN 4
EDDIE COLQUHOUN 5
TONY KENWORTHY 6
ALAN WOODWARD 7
PETER DORNAN 8
CHRIS GUTHRIE 9
GARY HAMSON 10
IAN HAMILTON 11
12

Bolton Wanderers

Team changes

JIM McDONAGH
PETER NICHOLSON
TONY DUNNE
ROY GREAVES
PAUL JONES
SAM ALLARDYCE
WILLIE MORGAN
NEIL WHATMORE
STEVE TAYLOR
PETER REID
BRIAN SMITH

Scorers:

Scorers:

At the Lane

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

CARDIFF CITY

MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY at 7.30

FA CHALLENGE CUP (3rd Round)

NEWCASTLE UNITED

SATURDAY, 8th JANUARY at 3.00

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Leeds United Reserves

SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY at 3.00

Match Officials

Referee: Mr. R. B. KIRKPATRICK
(Leicester)

Roger Kirkpatrick, one of the "characters" in the middle, started refereeing in 1949 and came on the Full List in 1966. Took the FA Youth Cup Final in 1972-73 and National Association of Youth Clubs Final this year. He is a Franchise Consultant.

Linesmen: Red,

M. W. BEAMAN (Burton-on-Trent);

Orange, J. A. BIGGAR (Manchester).



CH-DAY

Scorecheck

Red indicator

A	Burnley v Blackpool
B	Fulham v Millwall
C	Hull City v Oldham Athletic
D	Bury v Northampton Town
E	Chester v Shrewsbury Town
F	Grimsby Town v Wednesday
G	Mansfield Town v Port Vale
H	Rotherham Utd. v Chesterfield
J	Tranmere Rovers v Walsall
K	Darlington v Workington
L	Doncaster R. v Southend Utd.
M	Huddersfield v Scunthorpe
N	Man. Utd. Res. v United Res.
P	

EDS CLUB NEWS

Hello EDS Members,

Once again, Christmas is over and a New Year is nearly on top of us. We hope you have all enjoyed yourselves over the last 12 months and look forward to all our activities for 1977.

There will be a Film Show on 26th January in the Tudor Room, 7.30 to 10 p.m. Tickets will be 25p for children and 30p for adults. The films will be on football and also some cartoons.

We all hope that our great team will carry on winning and if possible get us back into the First Division. I think you will all join with the Committee in wishing Mr. Sirrell, the team and all the staff a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

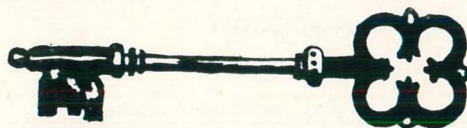
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League Position

League Division Two

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Chelsea	20	11	6	3	34	26	28
Blackpool	19	9	6	4	32	23	24
Nottm. Forest	19	9	6	4	41	22	24
Wolves	19	9	6	4	45	25	24
Bolton	18	10	3	5	31	23	23
Sheffield United	19	6	8	5	22	23	20
Bristol Rovers	19	7	5	7	28	28	19
Fulham	19	6	7	6	29	26	19
Oldham	17	7	5	5	23	25	19
Blackburn	18	8	2	8	18	24	18
Charlton	17	7	4	6	36	31	18
Millwall	17	8	2	7	27	22	18
Hull	17	5	7	5	21	21	17
Luton	17	7	3	7	27	26	17
Carlisle	20	6	4	10	24	38	16
Notts. Co.	17	7	2	8	25	30	16
Southampton	19	5	6	8	31	36	16
Cardiff	19	5	5	9	25	33	15
Burnley	18	4	6	8	22	29	14
Plymouth	19	3	8	8	23	31	14
Orient	17	3	6	8	17	24	12
Hereford	18	3	5	10	26	41	11



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Next General Meeting of SUSC Central Branch is on Wednesday, 5th January in the Bier Keller at 8 p.m.

Trevor Bishop, Secretary, SUSC Central Branch.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP, THIRD ROUND PROPER

Sheffield United v. Newcastle United

BRAMALL LANE, SHEFFIELD, SATURDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1977, at 3.00 p.m.

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There are no concessionary prices for this game . . . all pay.

Should the game end in a draw, the replay will be at St. James' Park, Newcastle at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 12th January, 1977.

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BLADES CROSSWORD

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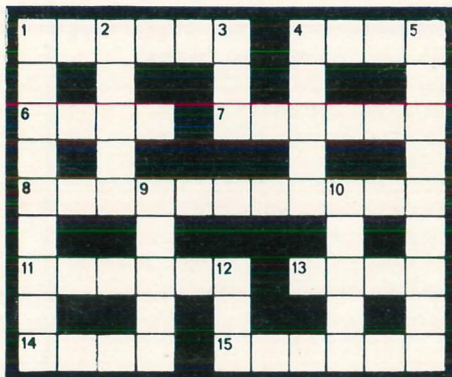
ACROSS

1. Last man to play soccer and cricket for England (6).
4. Sir . . . Busby (4).
6. League of Ireland club, . . . Hibernians, folded up in the close season (4).
7. Carlisle midfielder (6).
8. Scottish side (7, 4).
11. It's needed to start a match—and sometimes to settle it (4-2).
13. Former long-serving Plymouth defender now at Exeter (4).
14. Home ground of Halifax (4).
15. Famous players often turn out as . . . for other clubs in testimonial matches (6).

DOWN

1. Walsall landed him from Leeds (4, 5).
2. Irish League side (5).
3. National Stadium of Hungary (3).
4. Enver . . . (Schalke 04 & Yugoslavia) (5).

5. Port Vale defender (5, 4).
9. Former Newcastle and Ireland wing-half, now an FA coach (5).
10. Nickname of Scunthorpe (5).
12. Colloquial term for 'leg' (3).



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Winner: M. Copeland £75
Agent 275: M. Brookes £7.50
52 Consolation Prizes at £1

3rd PRIZE—BD 096

Winner: Mrs. Griffiths £50
Agent 391: Mrs. Thompson £5
50 Consolation Prizes at £1

DRAW FOR WATCH—CG 234

Winner: D. Gregory
Agent 204: D. Winnell

3 x £5 AGENTS' DRAW

Agent 466: K. E. Sykes
Agent 146: Miss B. Moore
Agent 305: Mrs. T. Kinnear

RESULTS FOR WEEK 47

1st PRIZE—AQ 780

Winner: V. Shaw £100
Agent 326: N. Hydes £10
49 Consolation Prizes at £1

2nd PRIZE—BL 054

Winner: L. Tarplee £75
Agent 149: E. Hanson £7.50
52 Consolation Prizes at £1

3rd PRIZE—BR 479

Winner: R. Coles £50
Agent 365: R. Coles £5
50 Consolation Prizes at £1

DRAW FOR WATCH—BH 038

Winner: S. Goodwin
Agent 124: A. Baumforth.

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Agent 48: A. Moore
Agent 482: Miss L. Barton
Agent 375: Mr. Bloomer

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BLADES FACTS

AUGUST

21 LUTON TOWN (0-2)
10,687

24 WOLVES (2-2)
Edwards, Hamilton 15,848

28 HEREFORD UTD (1-1)
Guthrie 15,067

SEPTEMBER

4 SOUTHAMPTON (1-1)
Ludlam 17,809

11 CARLISLE UTD (3-0)
Hamilton, Woodward, 1 o.g. 13,666

17 HULL CITY (1-1)
Edwards 10,494

25 BLACKBURN R (1-1)
Franks 15,906

OCTOBER

2 BURNLEY (1-0)
Woodward 16,088

9 NOTTINGHAM F (1-6)
Hamilton 17,801

16 FULHAM (1-1)
Woodward 28,792

23 CHARLTON ATH (2-3)
Johnstone, Hamilton 11,317

30 CARDIFF CITY (2-0)
Stainrod (2) 12,056

NOVEMBER

6 NOTTS. COUNTY (1-0)
Guthrie 18,355

13 BLACKPOOL (0-1)
13,506

20 ORIENT (1-1)
Edwards 14,745

27 MILLWALL (1-0)
Woodward 9,087

DECEMBER

3 CHELSEA (1-0)
Hamilton 23,393

11 PLYMOUTH A (0-0)
8,827

18 BRISTOL R (2-3)
Woodward, Guthrie 15,201

27 OLDHAM ATH 3.00
at Boundary Park

28 BOLTON W 7.30
at Bramall Lane

JANUARY

1 NOTTS. COUNTY 3.00
at Meadow Lane

3 CARDIFF CITY 7.30
at Bramall Lane

8 NEWCASTLE U 3.00
at Bramall Lane

15 WOLVES 3.00
at Molineux

22 LUTON TOWN 3.00
at Bramall Lane

FEBRUARY

5 HEREFORD UTD 3.00
at Edgar Street

12 SOUTHAMPTON 3.00
at Bramall Lane

19 CARLISLE UTD 3.00
at Brunton Park

26 HULL CITY 3.00
at Bramall Lane

MARCH

5 BLACKBURN R 3.00
at Ewood Park

12 BURNLEY 3.00
at Turf Moor

19 NOTTINGHAM F 3.00
at Bramall Lane

26 FULHAM 3.00
at Craven Cottage

APRIL

2 CHARLTON ATH 3.00
at Bramall Lane

5 OLDHAM ATH 7.30
at Bramall Lane

9 BOLTON W 3.00
at Burnrdn Park

12 BLACKPOOL 7.30
at Bramall Lane

16 ORIENT 3.00
at Brisbane Road

23 MILLWALL 3.00
at Bramall Lane

30 CHELSEA 3.00
at Stamford Bridge

MAY

7 PLYMOUTH A 3.00
at Bramall Lane

14 BRISTOL ROVERS 3.00
at Eastville

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FIGURES

Wednesday, 15th December, 1976

CENTRAL LEAGUE

MANCHESTER UTD. 1 SHEFFIELD UTD. 4

SHEFFIELD UNITED: Storey, Goulding, Hemsley, Conroy (J.), Faulkner Ludlam, Bradford, Calvert, Stainrod, Edwards, McKee. Sub: Totty. Scorers: Ludlam, Stainrod, Edwards, McKee.

Saturday, 18th December, 1976

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

SHEFFIELD UNITED 2 BRISTOL ROVERS 3

SHEFFIELD UNITED: Brown, Franks, Garner, Longhorn, Colquhoun, Kenworthy, Woodward, Calvert, Guthrie, Hamson, Hamilton (I.), Sub: Stainrod. Scorers: Woodward, Guthrie.

BRISTOL ROVERS: Eadie, Bater, Parsons, Prince, Taylor, Williams, Stephens, Fearnley, Warboys, Hamilton (J.), Staniforth. Sub: Evans. Scorers: Warboys (2), Staniforth.

Referee: A. Hughes (West Kirby).

Attendance: 15,201.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

BLACKBURN ROVERS 0 SHEFFIELD UTD. 1

SHEFFIELD UNITED: Storey, Goulding, Hemsley, Conroy (J.), Faulkner, Ludlam, Johnstone, Dornan, Edwards, Beacock, McKee. Sub: Totty. Scorer: Beacock.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

as at 16th December, 1976

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	19	15	2	2	64	16	32
Coventry	20	14	0	6	41	20	28
Derby Co.	19	10	6	3	25	16	26
Manchester U.	21	9	7	5	40	34	25
Sheffield Utd.	20	9	5	6	28	19	23
Wolves	20	10	3	7	28	25	23
Sheffield Wed.	20	8	6	6	21	22	22
Bury	18	9	3	6	23	19	21
Manchester C.	16	9	2	5	29	22	20
Aston Villa	17	8	4	5	28	23	20
West Brom.	17	6	7	4	24	24	19
Nottm. Forest	20	7	5	8	29	30	19
Leeds United	20	8	1	11	32	31	17
Everton	19	6	5	8	20	25	17
Burnley	18	6	4	8	18	22	16
Blackburn	18	6	2	10	21	44	14
Blackpool	18	4	5	9	17	30	13
Stoke	18	3	7	8	13	26	13
Bolton	18	5	3	10	21	35	13
Huddersfield	20	3	6	11	28	39	12
Newcastle	16	3	3	10	20	27	9
Preston	18	2	4	12	16	37	8

Answers to Blades Crossword No. 10

Across: 1—Goals. 3—Bell (Birmingham City). 6—Marinho. 7—Ian. 8—Uncle.

10—Dai. 11—Edgeley. 12—Droy.

13—Busby.

Down: 1—Grainger. 2—Alan. 3—Bartley.

4—Line. 5—Holliday. 6—McNally. 9—Igor.

10—Dens.

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United Gilt Pens	45p
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Track Suit R/W 30"	£5.20
Track Suit R/W 32"	£5.45
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The company have always been pioneers, both within the soft drinks industry and in leading the way with soccer sponsorship in the U.K., and the Chairman, Mr. Robert Barr is keenly interested in a wide range of sports.

Only recently, Don Revie stated his views on sponsorship, and there are others like him who believe that sponsorship has an increasingly important part to play in helping to keep soccer clubs alive and financially viable. The Barr/Bolton association is a practical working example of how it operates, and Bolton and Barr could well be blazing a trail which could be followed in a big way.

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Alan, who is one of the most outstanding discoveries from the South Yorkshire area since the war, has developed into one of the most consistent scorers in the Football League. He joined Sheffield United as an apprentice professional on the 18th March, 1962, and was signed as a full-time professional on the 20th September, 1963. Alan, who is 30 years of age, played for Barnsley Boys, Yorkshire Boys, England Youth and the Football League representative team. He was appointed club captain in June, 1976.

A TRULY WONDERFUL RECORD!



A date for your diary

The England v Scotland Under-21 International will be played at Bramall Lane on Wednesday, 27th April, 1977. Kick-off 7.30 p.m. Ticket details will be announced early in the New Year.

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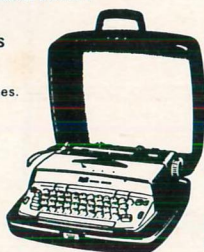
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